

BILLY NUNGESSER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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## NLGA SUPPORTS NATIONAL SERVICE AND AMERICORPS

The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) unanimously approved a policy resolution in support of national service, including AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, at their annual conference last week in in Nashville, TN. Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser sponsored the resolution which promotes national service as a critical federal-state-local partnership and effective solution to community challenges facing states across the country. Governors and Lieutenant Governors are encouraged to work closely with their State Service Commissions and the Corporation for National and Community Service to ensure national service and volunteer programs meet local needs.

According to Nungesser, "AmeriCorps members are making a difference every day and have been indispensable during times of natural disasters in Louisiana. I am proud to support their efforts and to promote national service as a solution to help meet local needs."

Louisiana's State Service Commission, Volunteer Louisiana, is located within Lt. Governor Nungesser's office and oversees 17 AmeriCorps programs and the majority of the nearly 1,300 AmeriCorps members engaged in service statewide. Since 1994, Volunteer Louisiana has supported 19,950 AmeriCorps members who have provided over seven million hours of service in the state, including response and recovery during the 2016 floods.

National service members have responded to help recover from disasters across the country including: Hurricane Katrina; Superstorm Sandy; and western wildfires. The NLGA resolution also recognizes the role of national service in addressing pressing challenges from educating students to supporting veterans and military families to helping seniors with health services. Since its beginning, AmeriCorps has had more than 1 million members serve and those members have contributed more than 1.4 billion hours of service to America and her citizens.

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